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FM AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2568

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

AMEMBASSY MANILA

CINCPAC

COMUSSAG

C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 8420

LIMDIS

MANILA FOR ELG

E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: AEMR, CB

SUBJ: LETTER TO AMCITS ON EVACUATION

1. AT MY REQUEST CONSUL IS SHOWING THE FOLLOWING LETTER  
TO EACH RESIDENT AMERICAN CITIZEN, AND OBTAINING A  
WRITTEN RESPONSE. LETTER IS MARKED CONFIDENTIAL.

2. QTE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS RESIDENT IN CAMBODIA

QTE WE ARE NOW ENTERING A PERIOD OF GREAT  
UNCERTAINTY AND DANGER FOR THE KHMER REPUBLIC, IN  
WHICH IT CAN BE EXPECTED THAT INSURGENT FORCES WILL  
ATTEMPT TO PROVOKE THE FALL OF THE GOVERNMENT BY  
ATTACKS AGAINST PHNOM PENH FROM WITHOUT AND FROM WITHIN.

QTE IT IS QUESTIONABLE WHETHER COMMERCIAL AIRLINES  
WILL MAINTAIN THEIR SERVICE THROUGHTOUT THIS PERIOD OF  
DANGER. RATHER THAN EXPOSE THEIR CREWS, PASSENGERS  
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AND PLANES TO JEOPARDY, THE CARRIERS MAY WELL SUSPEND

SERVICE PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE STRUGGLE. THUS  
PERSONS WHO OPT TO STAY IN PHNOM PENH NOW MAY FIND IT  
IMPOSSIBLE TO LEAVE LATER.

QTE GIVEN THE INCREASING PHYSICAL DANGERS AND THE  
POSSIBILITY OF BEING CUT OFF, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE VERY  
WRONG FOR AMERICANS TO REMAIN WHO DO NOT HAVE AN IMPORTANT  
REASON TO BE HERE. IN PARTICULAR, I REQUEST YOU TO EVACUATE  
IMMEDIATELY ALL NON-WORKING WIVES AND ALL CHILDREN.

QTE LET ME MAKE CLEAR THAT I WILL NOT BE IN A  
POSITION TO ANSWER FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS' SAFETY SHOULD  
YOU FAIL TO MOVE THEM OUT NOW.

QTE I AM ASKING YOU TO SIGN THIS LETTER, AND IN  
DONG SO TO STATE IN WRITING YOUR INTENTIONS, SO THAT  
YOUR DECISION ON THIS CRITICAL ISSUE MAY BE A MATTER OF  
RECORD. SINCERELY YOUR, EMORY C. SWANK, AMERICAN  
AMBASSADOR. UNQTE.  
SWANK

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